

# Turner new president for United Space Alliance

Russell "Russ" Turner, vice president and general manager of Boeing's Rocketdyne Power and Propulsion, is the new president and chief executive officer of United Space Alliance, replacing Paul Smith, who retires, effective June 15.

Turner, who arrived at USA at the end of May to begin the transition, comes to USA following 11 years with The Boeing Company, most recently at Rocketdyne overseeing key programs including space shuttle main engines, Atlas propulsion, Delta, X-33 launch vehicles, power systems, divert attitude control propulsion, advanced propulsion and power, lasers, and related electro-optical applications.

"His experience and contributions on the space shuttle program make Russ an outstanding choice to lead USA into the future," said Jim



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Albaugh, president of Boeing Space Transportation. "He is an innovative executive with in-depth knowledge of the shuttle orbiter and great leadership skills," he added.

Prior to taking the reins at Rocketdyne, Turner was vice president and general manager of Re-usable Space Systems for Boeing, where he was responsible for the overall management and performance of such programs as space shuttle and the ISS crew return vehicle.

Turner served in a number of significant positions with Reusable Space Systems including director of engineering systems, director of information management, vice president and program director of the space shuttle and program director of space shuttle upgrades. Turner also led the Boeing effort to form United Space Alliance in 1996.

# Cox earns distinguished grad honors at University of Texas

Ken Cox, assistant to the director of Engineering, has been selected as one of five University of Texas at Austin distinguished graduates of the College of Engineering for 1998.

Cox will be recognized at the college's graduation ceremony Saturday. This is the highest recognition that UT's College of Engineering can bestow on an alumnus.

Cox earned his bachelor's degree in 1953 and his master's degree in 1956 from UT, and served as an instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering from 1955-58. He joined NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in



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Houston in 1963. He was technical manager for the Apollo digital control systems, including the command, service and lunar modules. He earned a doctorate in electrical engineering from Rice University in 1966. He also served as space shuttle technical manager for integrated guidance, navigation and control systems in 1974, and became chief of the Avionics Systems Division in 1987.

Cox earned the AIAA Mechanics and Control of Flight Award in 1971, the NASA Medal for Exceptional Engineering Achievement in 1981, and the AIAA Digital Avionics Award in 1986.

## People on the Move

*Human Resources reports the following personnel changes as of May 23:*

### Key Management Assignments

Bill Boyd was selected as chief, Energy Systems Test Branch, Energy Systems Division, Engineering Directorate.

### Additions to the Workforce

Mary Kirby joins the Business Management Directorate as a program analyst.

### Reassignments Between Directorates

David Bell moves from the Office of the Chief Information Officer to the Space and Life Sciences Directorate.

Rob Suggs moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the Space and Life Sciences Directorate.

## Personality Profile



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JSC cafeteria manager Harry Conran takes pride in helping select the best quality ingredients for the dishes he and his staff prepare for employees and visitors.

# Full steam ahead

*After ships, airports cafeteria manager still finds JSC work challenging*

By Lori Keith

In the food service business since 1948, Harry Conran has served or prepared food for Irish airports, British ships at sea, and NASA astronauts. He started out at Shannon Airport in Ireland, then moved to England and the passenger liners Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and others.

Conran, manager of the NASA-JSC Exchange cafeterias in Bldgs. 3 and 11, has spent the past 29 years at JSC making sure all employees and visitors have nutritious, satisfying meals in the on-site cafeterias.

His job is to oversee the daily operations, making sure they run smoothly, and to ensure the proper amount of food is prepared daily. He also is responsible for purchasing all food stuffs required. His hand is in the menu planning, too, which is done on a six-week revolving cycle.

"We also have a dietitian, who comes from the Rec Center," Con-

ran said, "who helps us with total health in planning meals."

The cafeterias are open Monday-Friday serving breakfast from 7-10 a.m., and serving lunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Their busiest time is from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "This is when it is full steam ahead in the cafeteria," Conran comments.

Conran explains the goal of the cafeteria is to provide a large assortment of good wholesome food, while taking into consideration the cost of providing it. Conran estimates that the cafeterias combined serve a total of about 1,800 people a day.

"Our most popular dishes are fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak and our Mexican special—which includes beans, rice, cheese enchiladas and a tossed salad," Conran said, explaining that over the years people's tastes have changed, as more people are calorie and fat conscious. Yet these American mainstays are still favorites.

He is extremely proud of the cleanliness of their kitchens. "We invite anyone to come in and walk in our

kitchen, anytime," Conran said. "Cleanliness is very important here, at all times." The walk-in coolers are even spotless, and many a salesman has commented on their cleanliness, according to Conran.

The average cost of a meal is \$4, with the daily special running \$3.70. The daily special includes a meat entree, two vegetables, roll with butter and a drink.

Conran was born and reared in Ireland. He married his wife of 43 years in London where they had three children, and he worked for the American Embassy. He also spent two years in Australia.

The busiest times of year for the cafeterias usually are during Open House, Inspection Day and Safety Day.

"Most people are off on Safety Day, but we are still slugging away back there," Conran said.

"We have been considered the best NASA cafeteria or food service that there is, no one compares," Conran said. "At least this is what I have been told many times."

## Mission Control open to workers, families during STS-91

The Mission Control Center viewing room will be open for JSC and contractor badged employees and their families during STS-91.

Assuming an on-time launch, Employees may visit the MCC: Today — 3-5 p.m.

Saturday — 1-3 p.m.

Sunday — 5-7 p.m.;

Monday — 5-7 p.m.;

Tuesday — 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Wednesday — noon-2 p.m.; and

Thursday — 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Employees must wear their badges

and escort family members through the lobby of Bldg. 30 South. Children under five will not be permitted. No cameras or loud talking will be permitted at any time. For the latest schedule, call the Employee Information Service at x36765.

## Dates & Data

### June 9

**Aero club meets:** The Bay Area Aero Club will meet at 7 p.m. June 9 at the Houston Gulf Airport clubhouse at 2750 FM 1266 in League City. For more information, call Larry Hendrickson at x32050.

**NPMA meets:** The National Property Management Association will meet at 5 p.m. June 9 at Robinette and Doyle Caterers, 216 Kirby in Seabrook. Dinner costs \$14. For details, call Sina Hawsey at x36582.

### June 10

**Spaceland Toastmasters meet:** The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. June 10 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For more information, call George Salazar at x30162.

**Communicators meet:** The Clear Lake Communicators will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 10. For information and location, contact Henry Duke at 280-4403 or Melissa Sommers at 332-0698.

**Spaceteam Toastmasters meet:** The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 10 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Chuck Kubricht at 282-3908 or Brian Collins at x35190.

**Astronomy seminar:** The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon June 10 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. An open discussion meeting is planned. For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

**PSI meets:** The Clear Lake/NASA Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet at 5:30 p.m. June 10. For more information, call Elaine Kemp at x30556.

### June 11

**TSU alumni meet:** The Texas Southern University, Clear Lake/Galveston Alumni Chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 11 on the TSU campus in Hannah Hall Room 217. For details, call 281-481-0950 or Janell Ellison at 713-731-0949.

**SSQ meets:** The Society for Soft-

ware Quality will meet at 6:45 p.m. June 11 at the Holiday Inn. Registration and social begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. To make a reservation, call Earl Lee at 335-2322 or Herb Babineaux at x34263.

### June 12

**Space Society meets:** The Clear Lake Area chapter of the National Space Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 12 at the Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Freeway, in the Deer Park room. For more information, call Murray Clark at 367-2227.

**Astronomers meet:** The JSC Astronomical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. June 12 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. For more information, call Chuck Shaw at x35416.

### June 17

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**Scuba club meets:** The Lunarfans will meet at 7:30 p.m. June 17 at the Redfish Restaurant under the Kemah/Seabrook bridge, Seabrook side. For more information, call Mike Manering at x32618.

### June 18

**Child care board:** The Space Family Education board of directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. June 18 in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For more information on this open meeting, call Gretchen Thomas at x37664.

### June 24

**MAES meets:** The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists will meet at 5 p.m. June 11 in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For details, call Gerard Valle at x38835.

### June 25

**Radio Club meets:** The JSC Amateur Radio Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 25 at the Piccadilly, 2465 Bay Area Blvd. For more information, call Larry Dietrich at x39198.

### July 3

**Independence Day:** Most JSC offices will be closed July 3 in observance of the July 4 Independence Day holiday.